

# THE TIMES-DISPATCH

## GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

### WOODSON-FLEMING.

#### OF VIRGINIA



The progenitor of the Woodson family of the United States, which has produced so many useful and distinguished men, was John (1) Woodson, a native of Dorsetshire, England. He accompanied Sir John Harvey to the colony in 1624 as a surgeon (according to tradition) to a company of soldiers, bringing with him his wife, whom he had married in Dorsetshire. They had two sons: First—John (2) (the Woodsons of Western Pennsylvania are supposed to be descended from this John); second—Robert, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Ferris, of "Charles" in Henrico county, which afterwards became noted as the seat of the Randolphs. He had five sons and four daughters, as follows: First—John (3), married Judith, daughter of Stephen Tarleton; it is said that Colonel Barrister Tarleton, the famous British partisan ranger of the Revolution, was of the same family; second—Richard, married Anna Smith; Robert, married first, Sarah Lewis; second, Rachel Watkins; fourth—Joseph, married Mary, daughter of John Woodson and Mary Tucker; fifth—Benjamin, married Sarah Porter; sixth—Sarah, married Edward Mosby; seventh—Elizabeth, married William Lewis; eighth—Mary, married George Payne; ninth—Judith, married William Cameron.

Issue of John (3) (son of Robert and Judith Tarleton): First—Tarleton, married Ursula, daughter of Charles Fleming, of New Kent county. She was descended from Sir Tarleton Fleming, second son of the Earl of Wigton, Scotland, who married in England a Miss Fleming (we will revert to this again); second—John, married Susannah Fleming, widow of John Bates, no issue; third—Robert, married Sarah Womack, no issue; fourth—Jacob; fifth—Joseph, married Mary Royak; sixth—Stephen, married Elizabeth Branch; seventh—Judith, married Stephen Cox; eighth—Elizabeth, married Joseph Pleasants, of "Pickanoke," an Indian name, sometimes written "Picquonoke"; he was second in descent from John Pleasants, who emigrated from Norwich, England, 1655, and settled at "Charles" on James River, 1668. He died there May 12, 1688, aged fifty-four years. The name Pleasants is one of the most prominent in Virginia, as well as over the Southern and Western States. We propose giving a full sketch of them very soon.

The issue of Tarleton (son of John) (3) and Ursula (Fleming) Woodson: 1st, Charles, married first, Mary, daughter of John Pleasants, whose second wife was Mary, sister of Charles; married, second, Anne, widow of Samuel Richardson, and daughter of Joseph Parsons. This Charles Woodson was the grand-

father of Edward Bates, of Missouri, and his brothers, Frederick, James Woodson, Tarleton, Charles and Fleming Bates, the last being of Northumberland county, and the great-grandfather of Judge William Pope Dahney, of Powhatan county, Va.; 2d, Tarleton, Woodson, married Anna Van der Veer, of Long Island, N. Y.; he served as major in the Continental line during the Revolution. He was made prisoner in New York. After the war he settled in Prince Edward county, Va., which county he represented in the General Assembly. He also served as major-general in the State militia; 3d, Jacob; 4th, George; 5th, Ebenezer, who was major in State line; he lived near Powhatan Courthouse, and died unmarried; 6th, Susannah, married John Pleasants, of "Pickanoke"; 7th, Sarah, married Henry Terrell; 8th, Mary, married John Pleasants, of Henrico county (his second wife); 9th, Judith, married Thomas Chedoke.

Issue of Charles (son of Tarleton, John (3), John (2) Woodson, and first, Mary Pleasants): 1st, Charles, married Ann Trotter; issue, Ann, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth; 2d, Agnes (Parsons); 1st, Richardson; 2d, George married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Friend; issue (a) Margaret, (b) Caroline, (c) Matilda, (d) Charles F., married Anna Thomas, daughter of Dr. Goodridge Watson, Sr., of Prince Edward county, and moved to Missouri; 3d, Tarleton; 4th, Frederick; 5th, Agnes, married John Ellyson; 6th, Sarah, married James Clark; issue (a) Charles, (b) John, of Norfolk, Va. She afterwards married Archibald Bolling, of Campbell county, Va.; 7th, Caroline Matilda, married Thomas Fleming Bates; 8th, Ursula, married Francis Luddington, of Greenbrier county; no issue.

Issue of Major Tarleton and Ann (Van der Veer) Woodson: 1st, Charles, born 1781; died 1838, was major in the war of 1812; married Nancy Jackson, of Prince Edward county; and had issue: Mary Thompson, who married Nathaniel Venable; 2d, Tarleton; 3d, Frederick; 4th, Charles Van der Veer; 5th, Ann Van der Veer; 6th, Elizabeth Jackson.

Issue of Richard (son of Robert John), and Ann (Smith) Woodson: 1st, Richard, married Ann, daughter of Abraham Michaux, a Huguenot refugee; the descendants of this marriage and that of Joseph Morton, who married Agnes Woodson, are numerous; from the second are: Major James Morton, of Prince Edward; his brother, Dr. John Morton, of Bordeaux, France, and others. From the next, Obadiah, were William M. Watkins, of Charlotte county; Judge Joseph Venable, of Kentucky, and John R. Edmunds, of Halifax county; 2d, Obadiah, married Constance, daughter of John Watkins, "the Traylor"; 3d, John, married Ursula, daughter of Thomas Anderson, of Henrico county; 4th, Elizabeth, married first, Thomas Morton; second, Edward Goode; 5th, Judith, married Jacob Michaux; 6th, Mary, married Joseph Morton.

Issue of Richard (son of Richard, Robert John) and Anne (Michaux) Woodson: 1st, Agnes, married Francis Watkins, of Prince Edward county; 2d, Elizabeth, married Nathaniel Venable. Note in his "History of the Huguenots," seems to confound the above Richard Woodson with his father. He had evidently not seen this record. He includes us of Huguenot descent many of the name of Morton in Prince Edward who were not. The second Richard

Woodson is mentioned in Bishop Meade's "Old Churches" as "Baron Woodson." Agnes Woodson, who married Francis Watkins, was the ancestress of Henry E. Watkins, of Prince Edward, who was father of Judge F. Watkins, Dr. Joseph, of "Bon Lemoine," Goodland, and Dr. Frank Ben Watkins, late of Richmond, Va., now of Rochester, N. Y. Elizabeth Woodson, who married Nathaniel Venable, was the ancestress of Colonel Samuel Woodson Venable; Richard N. Venable, member of Virginia Convention of 1829-'30; Abraham B. Venable, United States senator, who lost his life in the burning of the Richmond Theatre, December 26, 1811; Abram B. Venable, member of Congress from North Carolina, and others.

Issue of Robert (son of Robert, John) Woodson—First, by Sarah, Lewis: 1st, Stephen; 2d, Joseph, married Elizabeth Mattox; issue, Joseph; 3d, Robert, left no issue; 4th, Elizabeth married John Powell; 5th, Sarah, married Joseph Parsons; 6th, Mary, died unmarried; 7th, Agnes, married Williamson, see issue by Rachel Watkins; 8th, Jonathan; 9th, Elizabeth, married John Knight; 10, Judith, married John Cooke, "mother of all the money-making Cookes."

We are indebted for much of the above memoranda to Charles Van Der Veer, Esq., of Prospect, Prince Edward county, Va., a most worthy descendant of an honorable line of ancestry.

(To be concluded in our next.)

**Lively Family.**

We give a sketch of this most interesting family, being one of the earliest to settle in Elizabeth City county. The information sent us is so filled, not only with items of family interest, but also with events of colonial period that it will not fail to be acceptable to the historian.

We regret not being able to produce the coat of arms of the family, but these, with the family Bible and valuable papers were lost at Williamsburg during the three years' occupation of the place by the Federal troops during the Confederate war, and while the family were refugees.

Robert Lively's family landed in Virginia about the time of Bacon's Rebellion, or a little before. They were lineal descendants of Edward Lively D. D., who, during the reign of King James, assisted in giving to the world and to Christianity, the first authentic and correct version of the Bible, and subsequently was professor of divinity in Cambridge University. He died about 1605.

Robert Lively had five sons who grew up under the strenuous circumstances of the Revolutionary War. They first settled at Williamsburg, and the surrounding towns in Elizabeth City county. His eldest son, Colonel Robert Lively, who was named after him, and called "Colonel Bob," figured prominently in the war of 1812. The second son, "Jimmy" Lively, with his brother Richard (4th son), settled in Williamsburg; while "Colonel Bob," with his brothers, "Ned" (3d son), and Samuel Lively (5th son), settled near Hampton. This last, Samuel, married "Aunt Polly" Blake, as she was known by her maiden name being Blake. Ned Lively (3d son) was also married, but name forgotten; he had a son "Ned," named for him, who died in the United States navy. Richard (4th son) married

twice; 1st to Miss Orton, by whom a son James, and daughter Elizabeth by his 2d wife (name unknown), had also a son and daughter; Richard Royal (the father of E. H. and R. A. Lively), and Patsy; "Jimmy" Lively (2d son) lived and died a bachelor.

Bob Lively (first son) was a colonel in the War of 1812, who held an important post at the battle of "Little" Hampton, then called James, the son of Richard Lively, and half brother to Richard Royal Lively, was also in the War of 1812. Assisted by a free colored man named William Taylor (who afterwards became a Baptist preacher), he extinguished a bombshell thrown into the town of Little Hampton by one of the British ships, which saved the town from much damage. Colonel Bob was married (name unknown), and had four daughters and one son, as follows:

(1) Fannie, first married a French, second married an Armistead; there were no children by either.

(2) Amelia Lively, married Dewees; she

left two daughters and two sons; the boys, Robert and Edward, are dead; the girls, Mary and Fannie—the one married Mr. Bogue and the other Mr. Kyle.

(3) Indiana Lively, married Lowry; she left two daughters and one son. The youngest daughter survives to this date (22d December, 1892). Florida, the spinster, and Robert, a bachelor, both dead.

Samuel Lively, fifth son of Robert, the emigrant, owned the farm, "New Market," a few miles east of Hampton. This was a celebrated place for horse racing and cock fighting; so common in those days, and which he and the surrounding gentry were especially fond of. This Samuel was brother to Florida Lively's father, Bob Lively, who represented Elizabeth City county, in the Virginia Legislature, 1815, his wife, "Aunt Polly," was the grandmother of Captain William J. Stores, of the "York County Rangers," in the Civil War.

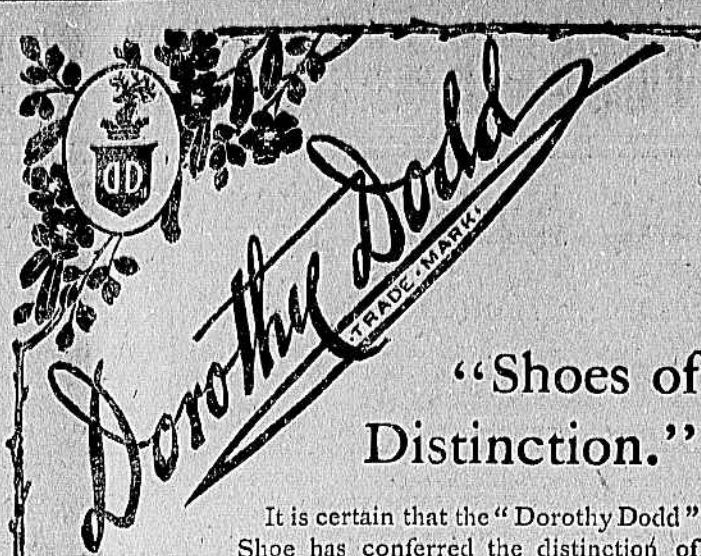
This marriage resulted in two daughters and two sons, as follows: Judith, married Major Sares; a celebrated shipbuilder at the United States ship-yard at Portsmouth, Va., by whose efficient designing added largely to the excellence and effectiveness of Uncle Sam's navy. They were blessed with one son, Captain Sares, and one daughter, Jennie, who was the wife of Dr. —, a surgeon in charge of Camp Jackson, at Richmond, during the war. Mary, the second daughter of Samuel, married Mr. Amidon, an architect, in the Treasury Department, at Washington, D. C.; they have an only child, who married Captain William Webb, Confederate States army. Samuel Lively married late in life, and died without issue. Col. Robert Lively is mentioned by Bishop Meade in 1822, his old churches, as then living in 1822, in Hampton; he was a vestryman of old St. John's Church for many years, and was one of those who helped to rebuild the church after the Revolution, which had been demolished by the British.

Robert Lively died single, early in life; a martyr to his post as city sergeant of Hampton. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Lively by his first wife, was married twice; by the first marriage were no children. Her second husband was David George, kinsman of the distinguished George Mason, of "Gunston Hall," on the potomac also to S. Thompson Mason, who served in Congress during Washington's administration. He was among those who ratified the Federal Constitution in the Virginia convention at Richmond, June, 1788. He was also relative of Joseph Mason, a member of the Petersburg volunteers, who was wounded at the battle of Fort Mifflin, May, 1813.

Richard Royal Lively, (son of Richard by 2d marriage), married Miss Mary Ann Leod, of Madison county, Va.; from them were nine children. The first, Edw. Henley Lively, and the ninth, Robert Allen Lively, survived the rest, all of whom died in infancy. Edward H., whom Lively received his early training at the classical and military school at Peyton and Morrisett, Williamsburg, Va. Then taking the academic course at William and Mary College, after which he took the law course under Professor Minor at same college. Before completing the law, and before he was twenty-one, he became associate editor, and co-proprietor of the Williamsburg, (Va.) Gazette, (established in 1793). Just previous to the Civil War he became sole editor and proprietor of the paper, and with his brother, Robert Allen Lively, they at once flung to the breeze the banner of Breckinridge and Lane.

After they both entered the Confederate army, serving in Company C, 1st (second) Virginia volunteers, Colonel B. S. (Bowie) commanding; but later by Colonel Edward B. Mott, uncle of the present Governor of Virginia. By order of the Secretary of War, E. H. Lively was transferred to the commissary department, under General L. B. Northrop, of the Army of Northern Virginia, where he remained until the evacuation of Richmond. His brother, Robert A. Lively, was shot at the battle of Yellow Tavern, the same time that General J. B. Stuart lost his life; but his life was saved by the deadly bullet coming in contact with a pair of yarn socks in his haversack, where it was found snugly coiled in its meshes. After the war Edward H. Lively married Miss Mary Fletcher James, of Williamsburg, by

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an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. His father-in-law died at Gibraltar, N. C., in 1799. His son, William Blount 1101, died in Tennessee in 1810. His mother-in-law, who had removed to Holland's Ferry, died there December 22, 1822, and his wife, who survived him and had removed to her daughter's residence, in Tennessee, she died there September 10, 1841. The active patriotic and political life of James Holland ended at Holland's Ferry May 16, 1825. The children of James Holland and his wife, Sarah, were Thomas Harrison, William Blount, James, Jr., all graduates of Chapel Hill, N. C. The first one (who became a surgeon in the army) and the second one (who died unmarried) died in the infancy of the family. Cynthia married Thos. Rhodes, Sarah (with defective arm) married her cousin, Dr. J. Pringle, leaving a descendant. Sophie Selma married Major Hardin Perkins, Louisiana, died in childhood. Although reared in the Christian belief, neither James Holland nor his wife were members of any church. He was known not to believe in the equality of the Godhead, a believer in the divinity of the Son, but did not think him equal with the Father. Being an associate of Thomas's, he was known to have some leaning to do with his religious ideas. Above is from Lamb's Biog. Dic. Wheeler's N. C. sketches and private family notes taken by Mr. Frank Rhodes, of St. Louis, Mo.

### Holland Family.

Early in 1799 William Holland, said to have been of English nobility, who had traveled all over the continent of Europe, accompanied by his tutor, came to America and married Mary (Harrison) of the Berkeley county, Va. family, a descendant of two Presidents of the United States. After becoming a resident of America, William Holland was frequently known to receive gold remittances from his estate in England, but he became eventually more interested financially by the purchase and sale of property than in the worthless form of continental currency to a man who knew of its worthlessness, but the fraud was discovered too late. William Holland and his wife Mary had seven sons and a daughter. His eldest, Isaac, married, leaving a son, John, who was a member of the Church of England and an outspoken Tory. Though Isaac had a beautiful political prominence; was a member of the Church of England and an outspoken Tory. Though Isaac had a beautiful political prominence; was a member of the Church of England and an outspoken Tory. Though Isaac had a beautiful political prominence; was a member of the Church of England and an outspoken Tory.

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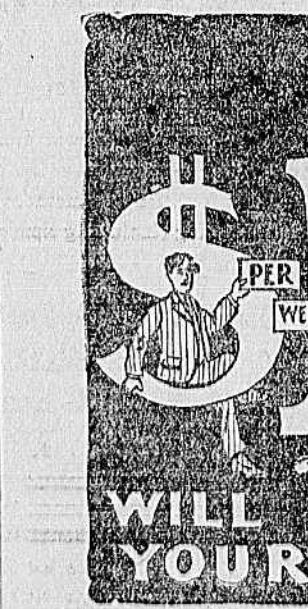
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